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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE OFFICIAL DESIRES TALK TO USG OFFICIAL
REGARDING SITUATION IN ZAIRE

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 15198, (B) BRUSSELS 15634, (C)

GENEVA 9298

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE (GENEVA 9298) SENT AMEMBASSY
BRUSSELS OCTOBER 27, 1977:

QUOTE: (1) MISSION OFFICER HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY PERSONAL
FRIEND FROM ZAIRE EMPLOYED WITH ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA ON BEHALF OF ZAIRE OFFICIAL
TEMPORARILY STAYING IN BRUSSELS WHO WISHES TO TALK TO
USG OFFICIALS ON PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS REGARDING
SITUATION IN ZAIRE. EMBASSY BRUSSELS IS REQUESTED TO
ADVISE MISSION IF IT PREFERS TO HAVE ZAIRE OFFICIAL
CONTACT EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICERS DIRECTLY, AND, IF SO,
WHOM, OR IF EMBASSY PREPARED TO INITIATE CONTACT. IF
LATTER COURSE FOLLOWED, PLEASE ADVISE RESULT.

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(2) ZAIRE OFFICIAL IS TUMBA TUNKADI (CHRISTIAN NAME
THOMAS) AND HIS ADDRESS IS 180 AVENUE DE LA FORET, 1050
BRUSSELS (IXELLES), TELEPHONE 660-3646. TUNKADI IS
PRESENTLY COMMISSAIRE GENERAL DE LA FIKIN (FOIRE INTER-
NATIONALE DE KINSHASA) AND PRESIDENT DE L'ANEZA (I.E.
ZAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE). HE IS A FORMER DEPUTY AND
FORMER MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF ZAIRE RULING

PARTY. CONTACT IN GENEVA HAS INFORMED US THAT TUNKADI HAS BEEN CLOSE TO MOBUTU AND A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN ZAIRE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. TUNKADI INFORMED CONTACT THAT HE HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE WAY MOBUTU HAS BEEN RUNNING THE COUNTRY AND BELIEVES THAT BY INFORMING HIGH OFFICIALS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON AND THAT THERE ARE ZAIRE CIVIL SERVANTS WHO REALIZE THAT SOME OF MOBUTU'S ACTIONS ARE NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY, U.S. MAY IN SOME WAY BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE SITUATION. TUNKADI ALSO SUGGESTED MAYBE HE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO U.S. TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS. MISSION OFFICER INFORMED CONTACT THAT SOMEONE FROM U.S. MIGHT WANT TO TALK TO TUNKADI BUT WE COULD NOT SAY ANYTHING BEYOND THAT. TUNKADI IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO ZAIRE SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST IF CONTACT IS TO BE MADE, IT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MISSION OFFICER NOT IN POSITION TO EVALUATE BONAFIDES OF TUNKADI. VANDEN HEUVEL UNQUOTE.

2. BRUSSELS 15198 NEVER RECEIVED GENEVA, HENCE DELAY IN FORWARDING MESSAGE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE EMBASSY BRUSSELS WHETHER IT SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO CONTACT TUNKADI. WE NOW UNDERSTAND HE EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN KINSHASA THROUGH WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7. VANDEN HEUVEL

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